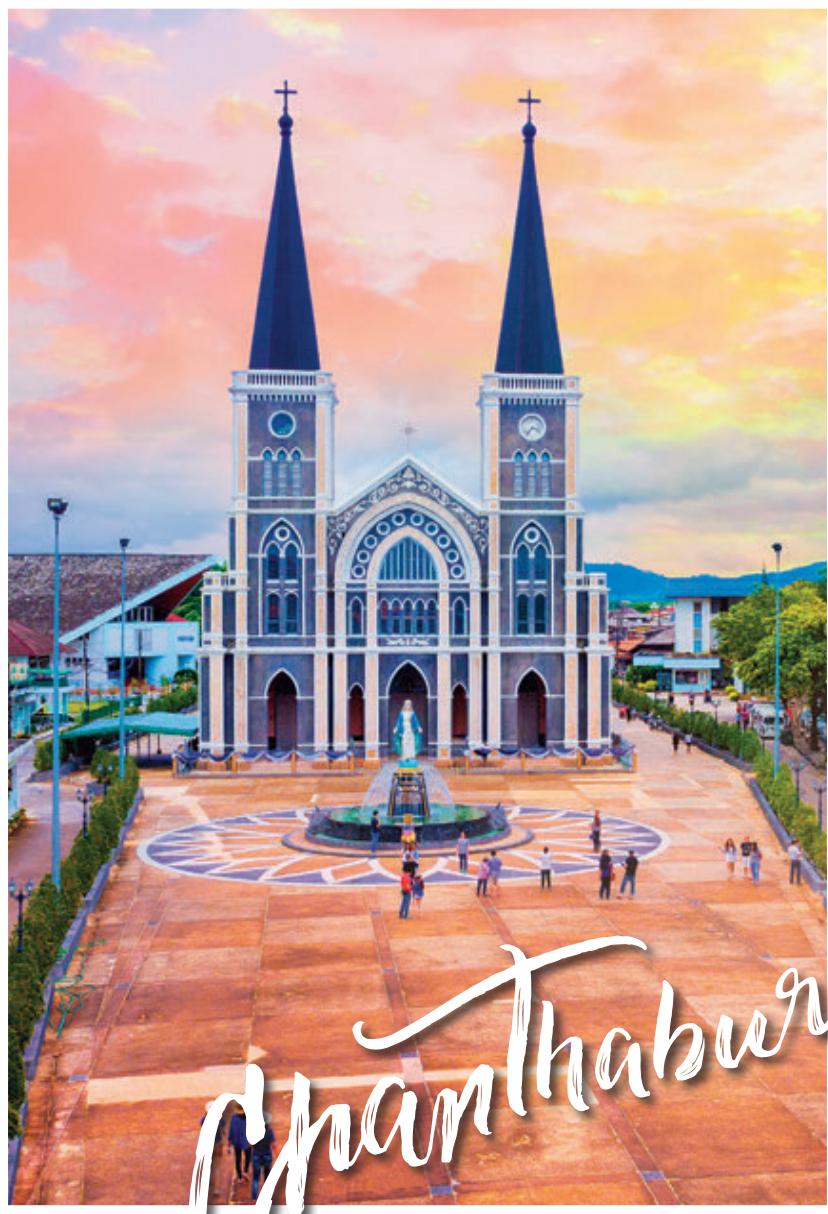


Open to the New Shades



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Chanthaburi, otherwise known as 'Mueang Chan', is an abundant province famous for its agricultural produce, especially durian, rambutan, mangosteen, pepper and rubber trees. It's also a hub for gemstone trading, with a diversity of attractions for visitors, from mountains, forests, waterfalls, beaches, places of antiquity to soft adventure and ecotourism activities; such as, hiking, mountain biking and rafting. To the east, Chanthaburi borders Cambodia and to the south, the Gulf of Thailand.



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1 The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception



The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is opposite to the Old Town Chanthabun Waterfront with the Chanthaburi River running past at the front. This historic Catholic Church was first built over 300 years ago. It was first built in 1711 on the left side of the Chanthaburi River by Father Nicolas Tolentino and Annamese Christians, and in 1836, it was moved to its current site on the eastern side of the River.

Built in the Gothic architectural style, the Church has spiral towers, with a large clock on the right tower. From the top of the tower, there are panoramic views of the city. The interior is decorated with stained glass windows depicting saints and the Church also houses a Virgin Mary figurine adorned with more than 200,000 gems donated by the people of Chanthaburi. The Church is widely considered to be the most beautiful church in the Eastern region. Address: 111 Mu 5, Santisuk Road, Tambon Chanthanimit, Amphoe Mueang Chanthaburi.

2 Old Town Chanthabun Waterfront

This riverside cultural attraction celebrates the 300-year old Chanthabun community established during the reign of King Narai the Great. Formerly a commercial district, the complex has classic old houses to explore with accommodation and restaurants provided.



3 Fruit Festival in Chanthaburi

Months of monsoon rain ensure lush forests in the region and provide perfect conditions for fruit orchards as well. The Fruit Festival occurs during harvest, in May each year, attracting visitors with tasty fresh tropical fruits, particularly durian, rambutan and mangosteen.



4 Khung Kraben Bay Royal Development Study Centre



Khung Kraben Bay Royal Development Study Centre is a centre for research and development of Chanthaburi's coastal area. The Centre is open to the public and has a 1.6 km.-long Mangrove Nature Trail Boardwalk, a 30 to 45-minute walk, where visitors can learn about the mangrove ecosystem. It is also a natural food source as well as a source of herbs for the surrounding community. Also within the Centre, the Sixth Cycle Birthday Anniversary Celebration Aquarium (KKB Aquarium) displaying fish that inhabit in the Khung Kraben area such as grouper, snapper, butterfly fish, and angelfish. Open Tuesday to Sunday 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tel. +66 3938 8117 ext. 130 (Ramps for the disabled are available).

5 Noen Nang Phaya Viewpoint

is a beautiful spot to view Chaloem Burapha Chonlathit Road, a meandering two-lane road inclining towards the short hill parallel to the coast and sparkling turquoise sea beyond. The road itself is a beautiful driving route, with several scenic spots where you can park and take photos.



6 Bo Ploy Lek Petch

Twenty minutes from the city of Chantaburi, you can try gem panning at Lek Petch gems quarry, using traditional methods which are demonstrated by staff. It takes practice to be able to identify a gemstone from ordinary stones and if you find one, you can keep it as a souvenir.





How To Get There

By Car

There are five driving routes from Bangkok.

1. Highway No. 3: This old route starts from Bang Na, via Chon Buri province–Bang Saen–Si Racha–Pattaya–Sattahip–Ban Chang–Rayong–Chanthaburi, a total distance of 330 km.
2. Highway No. 7 (motorway) runs from Srinagarindra Road in Bangkok to Pattaya, then via Highway No. 36 for 50 km. and Highway No. 3 for another 108 km., a total distance of 248 km.
3. Highway No. 36, starts on Sukhumvit Road in Bang Lamung, Chon Buri, turning left at the Krating Lai T-junction via the Pira Circuit to end at Tambon Choeng Noen in Amphoe Mueang Rayong, then via Highway No. 3 for 108 km. A total distance of 308 km.
4. Highway No. 344, the Ban Bueng–Klaeng route, can save a distance of up to 70 km., starts on Sukhumvit Road in Amphoe Mueang and Amphoe Ban Bueng in Chon Buri, Amphoe Wang Chan and Amphoe Klaeng, Rayong, then, via Highway No. 3 to Chanthaburi, a total distance of 266 km.
5. The connecting route between the Northeast and the East starts at the 200 km. point on Highway No. 33 from Amphoe Kabin Buri, Prachin Buri province, turn right in Sa Kaeo onto Highway No. 317, continue via Amphoe Wang Nam Yen, Amphoe Soi Dao, Amphoe Pong Nam Ron, and Amphoe Makham to Chanthaburi, a total distance of 219 km.

By Bus

A bus service to Chanthaburi runs from Bangkok Eastern Bus Terminal (Ekamai) on Sukhumvit Road and the Bangkok Bus Terminal (Chatuchak) on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Rd.

The Transport Co. Ltd. runs daily air-conditioned and fan-cooled service. Contact the Ekamai office, Tel. +66 2391 6846 and Chanthaburi office, Tel. +66 3932 2197, +66 2936 2852-66.

Private operators:

- Cherdchai Tour, Ekamai office, Tel. +66 2391 2237, and Chanthaburi office, Tel. +66 3935 0357, +66 3931 1801, +66 2936 0199
- Pornnipa Tour, Ekamai office, Tel. +66 2391 5179, +66 2936 2256, and Chanthaburi office, Tel. +66 3931 1278, +66 3931 2532, +66 2936 2256



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